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DD/I HISTORICAL BOARD - MINUTES OF MEETING

The members of the DD/I Historical Board held a meeting at 1100 hours on 19 October 1970 to discuss the progress of the DD/I historical program. Present were

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[redacted] was absent. Attending as guests were Messrs.  
[redacted] of the CIA Historical Staff.

[redacted] circulated for comment a draft memorandum addressed to all Historical Officers and authors. This outlined the scope of the DD/I historical program, introduced the new members of the Historical Board, and urged all concerned to speed the production of historical manuscripts. The memorandum was approved for circulation with certain changes in the first paragraph and an addition to the third.

The Board then considered the seven papers on which a first draft had been completed in order to see whether these could be published by December 1970. It appeared that most papers should be ready for publication by that date. The history of CRS seemed likely to give the most trouble. A copy of it was to be given to [redacted] to read before [redacted] DD/I Historical Officer, returned from leave to give [redacted] her detailed comments regarding extensive revision. The history of the East-West exchange program needed to have its status examined. Part II of the FBIS history was to be published before December and Part III seemed well on the way to publication by that date. NPIC's history of the Cuban crisis, submitted as an article for Studies in Intelligence, was to be reproduced and read by members of the Board who would then decide whether it should be republished in the historical series and with what changes, if any. The manuscript on the intelligence map program seemed in good shape for publication, but that on shaded relief for intelligence mapping appeared to need some work on it.

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The Board next turned to six additional papers which might be expected to be in first draft by December. Of these, the status of the Collection Guidance Staff history seemed doubtful. The first NPIC manuscript could probably be delivered by December if secretarial problems could be solved. The histories of the Map Information Section and of geographic research in support of intelligence production might be completed by December. The history of the Office of the DD/I might also be finished by December. The history of CIA support for the economic defense program was two thirds complete but might not be finished by December. At least one additional manuscript might be turned in by NPIC by December.

The Board agreed that OBGI, with 22 scheduled histories, had the greatest production problem of any office. Particular concern was expressed about the eight histories to be produced by Cartography Division, both in regard to the likelihood that this many authors could be spared from their regular specialized duties long enough to write histories and in regard to the probable capability of cartographers to write good history. [redacted] agreed to look into this problem, and the Board expressed the hope that [redacted] could lend any necessary time to assist OBGI authors.

The meeting adjourned at 1230 hours.

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